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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICA SYMPOSIUM

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. GABORONE WAS THE VENUE FOR MEETING OF UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF RHODESIAN FRONT, ANC, RSA, BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA MAY 23-25. ENTITLED SYMPOSIUM ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, MEETING WAS INSPIRED BY GROUP OF SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALISTS KNOWN AS THE CARLETON CONFRONTATION CLUB, WHICH GAINED THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL HELP OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. MEETINGS, WHICH BEGAN WITH FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER, LASTED ALL DAY SATURDAY, MAY 24, AND MORNING OF SUNDAY, MAY 25.

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2. APPARENTLY ZAMBIAN MARK CHONA ACTED AS MODERATOR, ALTHOUGH

ARCHIE MOGWE, BOTSWANA MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERANL AFFAIRS,  
SPOKE AND ACTED AS INFORMAL HOST AT THE OPENING NIGHT DINNER.

3. SEMINAR HAS GAINED SUBSTANTIAL PRESS COVERAGE IN SOUTH AFRICAN  
AND RHODESIAN PRESS. HOWEVER, SUBSTANCE OF THE SESSIONS HAS  
REMAINED FOR THE MOST PART SECRET BY AGREEMENT AMONG THE  
PARTICIPANTS.

4. DCM CALLED ON BOTSWANA SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TIBONE,  
WHO WAS PRINCIPAL BOTSWANA REPRESENTATIVE, FOR BRIEFING. TIBONE  
CHARACTERIZED SEMINAR AS ON THE WHOLE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE. MAIN  
ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE COMMUNICATION TO SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE  
RHODESIAN FRONT OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
RHODESIAN CONCILIATION EFFORT TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE  
PROBLEM OF RHODESIA. TIBONE SAID THAT EVEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
REPRESENTATIVES WERE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD, ALTHOUGH THEY BECAME  
DEFENSIVE WHEN THE QUESTION OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA  
AROSE.

5. TIBONE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE MODERATION AND INTELLECTUAL  
CREDENTIAL OF THE ANC GROUP, PARTICULARLY THEIR COOLNESS WHEN  
CONFRONTED WITH THE AGRESSIVE STATEMENTS OF RHODESIAN FRONT  
REP BARLOW, WHO TIBONE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING THE DENSEST,  
MOST RACTIONARY OF THE WHITE RHODESIANS.

6. RAND DAILY MAIL OF MAY 26 HEADLINED THE MEETING. HEART OF  
STORY WAS THE SUPPOSED ACCEPTANCE BY THE ANC OF "QUALIFIED  
FRANCHIESE" (ALTHOUGH STORY LATER QUALIFIED ITS REFERENCE BY SAYING  
THAT THE ANC DEMANDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE SHOULD BE A LIMITED  
FRANCHISE, THE LIMITATION SHOULD ALLOW FOR MAJORITY RULE).  
ACCORDING TO TIBONE, REPORTING OF "QUALIFIED FRANCHISE" MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN IN REGARD TO SUMMARY BY CHONA AS MODERATOR IN WHICH HE  
REFERRED TO THAT TERM AND ANC DELEGATION BY NOT RAISEING THEIR  
VOICES TACITLY ACCEPTED CONCEPT.

7. THE BULAWAYO CHRONICLE OF MAY 26 ALSO CARRIED MAJOR ARTICLE  
ON THE SEMINAR, WHICH TIBONE CHARACTERIZED AS REMARKABLY  
ACCURATE IN ITS QUOTATIONS. HE PRESUMED THAT THEIR INFORMATION  
MUST HAVE COME FROM RHODESIAN FRONT REPRESENTATIVES. ARTICLE  
WAS HEADLINE "ZAMBIAN PLEA FOR PEACE IN AFRICA". TIBONE AGREED  
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THIS WAS INTERESTING FORMULATION BUT NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE IN THAT  
ALTHOUGH CHONA AND OTHERES STATED AS STRONGLY AND CLEARLY AS THEY  
COULD THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION, THEY AT NO TIME "PLEADED"  
FOR SUCH PEACE.

8. RADIO BOTSWANA TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH FOUR OF PARTICIPANTS:  
HUDSON TSWANISI, THE CHIEF OF THE GAZUNKULA HOMELAND IN SOUTH  
AFRICA; DEREK DE VILLIERS, UNITED PARTY M.P. FROM JOHANNESBURG;

NICHOLAS MCNALLY, AN ADVOCATE FROM RHODESIA; AND ARISTON CHAMBATI OF THE ANC GROUP. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED FIRST THREE TAPES AND HOPES TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FOURTH AT AN EARLY DATE. OF THE THREE INTERVIEWS, ONLY MCNALLY'S CONTAINED A DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE SEMINAR. IN AN ASIDE DURING THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHITE FEARS IN RHODESIA, MCNALLY SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE (SEMINAR) WAS USEFUL BECAUSE IT GAVE THE WHITE RHODESIAN LEADERS A CHANCE TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM ZAMBIA. HE SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SITUATION IN ZAMBIA HAVE GIVEN HIM QUITE A DIFFERENT IMPRESSION FROM THAT RECEIVED IN CONVERSATIONS IN SALISBURY. HE SAID MUCH OF THE "CONFUSION" AMONG THE WHITE RHODESIANS MAY BE BASED ON LACK OF CORRECT INFORMATION.

9. TSWANISI DISCUSSED IN GENERAL HIS VIEWS ON THE HOMELAND SITUATION, IN WHICH HE ADVOCATED CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOMELANDS AS "PROVINCES" WITHIN THE REPUBLIC AND A SHARE OF "POWER, WEALTH, RESPONSIBILITY AND SPACE" AMONG ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.

10. DE VILLIERS, WHO REPRESENTS OPPOSITION U.P., DISCUSSED SOUTHWEST AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE AND RHODESIA. THE HIGHLIGHTS WERE THAT SINCE SOUTH AFRICA IS "BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF RHODESIA", IT MUST GO BEYOND SUSTAINING RHODESIA; IT MUST "ASSIST" RHODESIA IN REACHING A SETTLEMENT. DE VILLIERS SAID HE BELIEVED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COPING WITH A FLOW OF GOODS IF MOZAMBIQUE WERE TO CLOSE ITS PORTS TO RHODESIA. HE SAID HE HOPED PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON THE RHODESIAN QUESTION SO THAT SUCH EXTREME MEASURES NEED NOT BE TAKEN.  
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